

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 1377
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 26, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 26, 2005,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1377 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to certain fees imposed by the secretary of state and the
1-11 maximum amount that may be imposed in connection with the adoption
1-12 of a child in another country.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 405.031, Government Code, is amended by
1-15 amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
1-16 read as follows:

1-17 (a) The secretary of state shall charge for the use of the
1-18 state the following:

1-19 (1) for each official certificate, a fee of \$15 [~~\$10~~];

1-20 (2) for a certified copy of a record in the secretary
1-21 of state's office, a fee of \$1 a page in addition to the fee for the
1-22 certificate;

1-23 (3) for preparing and furnishing for a corporation,
1-24 limited partnership, limited liability company, or registered
1-25 limited liability partnership a certificate of existence or
1-26 authorization that reflects any filing effecting changes to the
1-27 entity's organizational documents or certificate of registration
1-28 or authorization and the dates of those filings, a fee of \$25; and

1-29 (4) for the maintenance by the secretary of state of a
1-30 record of the service of any process, notice, or demand authorized
1-31 to be made on the secretary of state as agent, and for forwarding
1-32 the process, notice, or demand, a fee of \$40 per person or party
1-33 served through the secretary of state.

1-34 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(1), the secretary of
1-35 state shall charge for the use of the state a fee of \$10 for the
1-36 issuance of an apostille requested for use in proceedings related
1-37 to the adoption of a child in another country, provided that the
1-38 total fees charged for apostilles issued in connection with the
1-39 adoption of one child may not exceed \$100.

1-40 (f) A fee paid under Subsection (a), (a-1), (b), (c), or (d)
1-41 shall be paid in advance to the secretary of state's office.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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